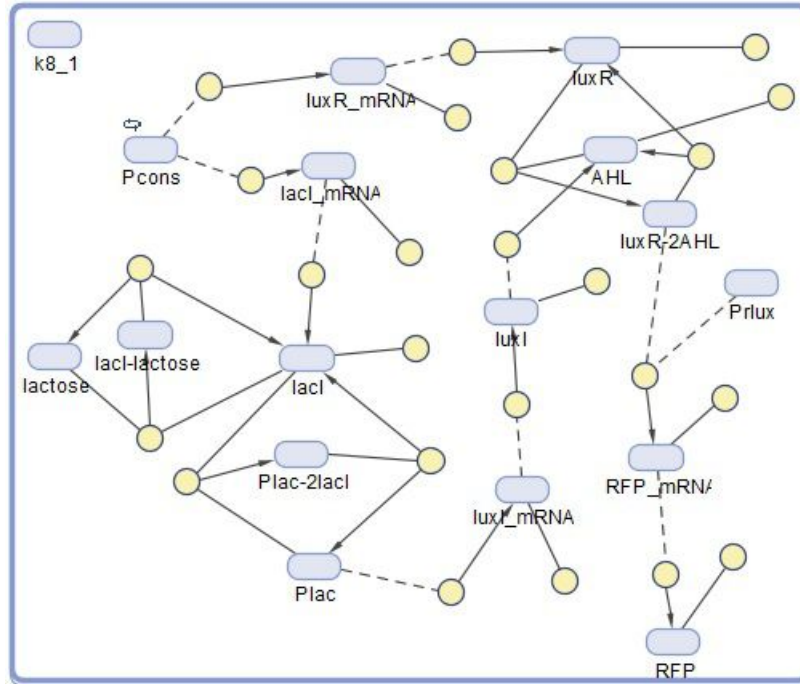


# Modeling Supplement

## 1. The positive feedback system<sup>1</sup>

(1) .control:



a. ODEs<sup>2 3</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.lacI})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux2} - \text{ReactionFlux3} + \text{ReactionFlux4} - \\
 &- 2 * \text{ReactionFlux5} + 2 * \text{ReactionFlux6} - \text{ReactionFlux8}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.luxI})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (-\text{ReactionFlux11} + \text{ReactionFlux15}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.luxR})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (-\text{ReactionFlux14} + \text{ReactionFlux18} - \\
 &\text{ReactionFlux19} + \text{ReactionFlux22}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.AHL})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (-\text{ReactionFlux12} + \text{ReactionFlux16} - \\
 &- 2 * \text{ReactionFlux19} + 2 * \text{ReactionFlux22}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.RFP})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux21} - \text{ReactionFlux23}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.lacI\_mRNA})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux1} - \text{ReactionFlux9}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.luxI\_mRNA})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux7} - \text{ReactionFlux10}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.luxR\_mRNA})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (-\text{ReactionFlux13} + \text{ReactionFlux17}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.RFP\_mRNA})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux20} - \text{ReactionFlux97}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.lactose})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (-\text{ReactionFlux3} + \text{ReactionFlux4}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.[lacI-lactose]})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux3} - \text{ReactionFlux4}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.Plac})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (-\text{ReactionFlux5} + \text{ReactionFlux6}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.[Plac-2lacI]})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux5} - \text{ReactionFlux6}) \\
 d(\text{Ecoli\_1.[luxR-2AHL]})/dt &= 1/\text{Ecoli\_1} * (\text{ReactionFlux19} - \text{ReactionFlux22})
 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup> Information about modeling and more results.

<sup>2</sup> The species in the equations always stand for the concentration of the substances.

<sup>3</sup> All Simbiology files can be found in the attachments.

## b. Fluxes:

$\text{ReactionFlux1} = (k1 \cdot N) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux2} = (Kt \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.lacI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux3} = (K1on \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.lacI} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.lactose}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux4} = (K1off \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.[lacI-lactose]}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux5} = (K3on \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.lacI} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.lacI} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.Plac}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux6} = (K3off \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.[Plac-2lacI]}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux7} = (k7 \cdot (\text{Ecoli\_1.Plac} / (\text{Ecoli\_1.Plac} + \text{Ecoli\_1.[Plac-2lacI]})) \cdot N) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux8} = (\text{beta\_1} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.lacI}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux9} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.lacI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux10} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux11} = (\text{beta\_6} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxI}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux12} = (\text{beta\_2} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.AHL}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux13} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxR\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux14} = (\text{beta\_7} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxR}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux15} = (Kt \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux16} = (k15 \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxI}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux17} = (k1 \cdot N) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux18} = (Kt \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxR\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux19} = (K5on \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.luxR} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.AHL} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.AHL}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux20} = (k8\_1 \cdot N \cdot kp) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux21} = (Kt \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.RFP\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux22} = (K5off \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.[luxR-2AHL]}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux23} = (\text{beta\_8} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.RFP}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux97} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1.RFP\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_1}$

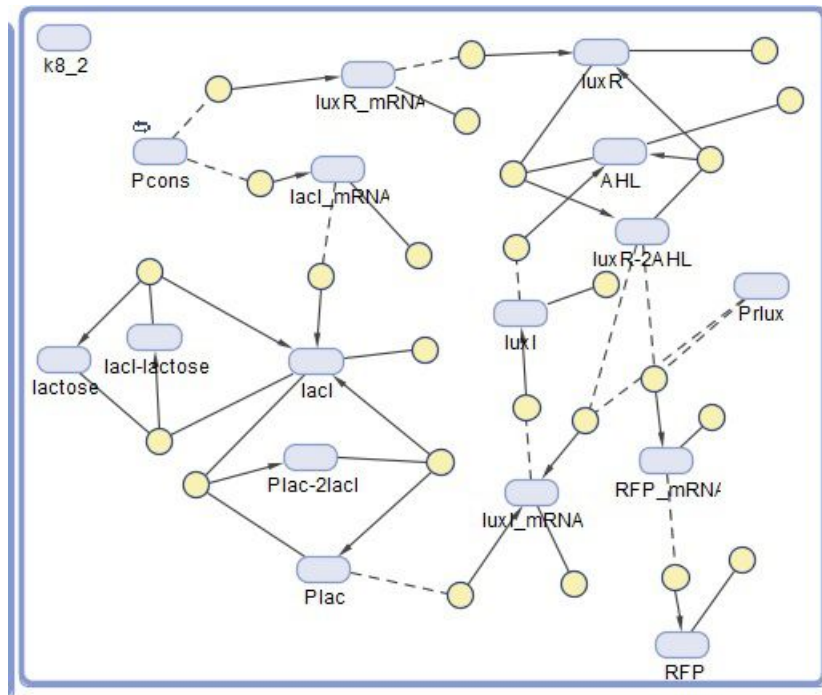
## c. Initial Conditions<sup>4</sup>:

$\text{Ecoli\_1.lacI} = 6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.luxI} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.luxR} = 6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.AHL} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.RFP} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.lacI\_mRNA} = 1.6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.luxI\_mRNA} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.luxR\_mRNA} = 1.6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.RFP\_mRNA} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.lactose} = 0.0023$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.[lacI-lactose]} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.Plac} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.[Plac-2lacI]} = 4\text{e-}09$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.[luxR-2AHL]} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_1.Prlux} = 4\text{e-}09$  molarity  
 $k8\_1 = 5\text{e-}06$  molarity

<sup>4</sup> Initial values here stand for the concentrations of the substances, before adding lactose.

d. when  $Ecoli\_1.[luxR-2AHL] > K_m$ , set  $k8\_1 = k8$

(2).luxI+



a. ODEs:

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.lacI)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(-ReactionFlux39 + 2*ReactionFlux41 - 2*ReactionFlux42 + ReactionFlux43 - ReactionFlux44 + ReactionFlux45)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.luxI)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(ReactionFlux32 - ReactionFlux36)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.luxR)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(ReactionFlux25 - ReactionFlux28 + ReactionFlux29 - ReactionFlux33)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.AHL)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(2*ReactionFlux25 - 2*ReactionFlux28 + ReactionFlux31 - ReactionFlux35)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.RFP)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(-ReactionFlux24 + ReactionFlux26)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.lacI\_mRNA)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(-ReactionFlux38 + ReactionFlux46)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.luxI\_mRNA)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(-ReactionFlux37 + ReactionFlux40 + ReactionFlux93)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.luxR\_mRNA)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(ReactionFlux30 - ReactionFlux34)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.RFP\_mRNA)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(ReactionFlux27 - ReactionFlux98)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.lactose)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(ReactionFlux43 - ReactionFlux44)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.[lacI-lactose])}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(-ReactionFlux43 + ReactionFlux44)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.Plac)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(ReactionFlux41 - ReactionFlux42)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.[Plac-2lacI])}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(-ReactionFlux41 + ReactionFlux42)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_2.[luxR-2AHL])}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_2}(-ReactionFlux25 + ReactionFlux28)$$

$$\frac{d(Ecoli\_3.lacI)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Ecoli\_3}(-ReactionFlux62 + 2*ReactionFlux64 - 2*ReactionFlux65 + ReactionFlux66 - ReactionFlux67 + ReactionFlux68)$$

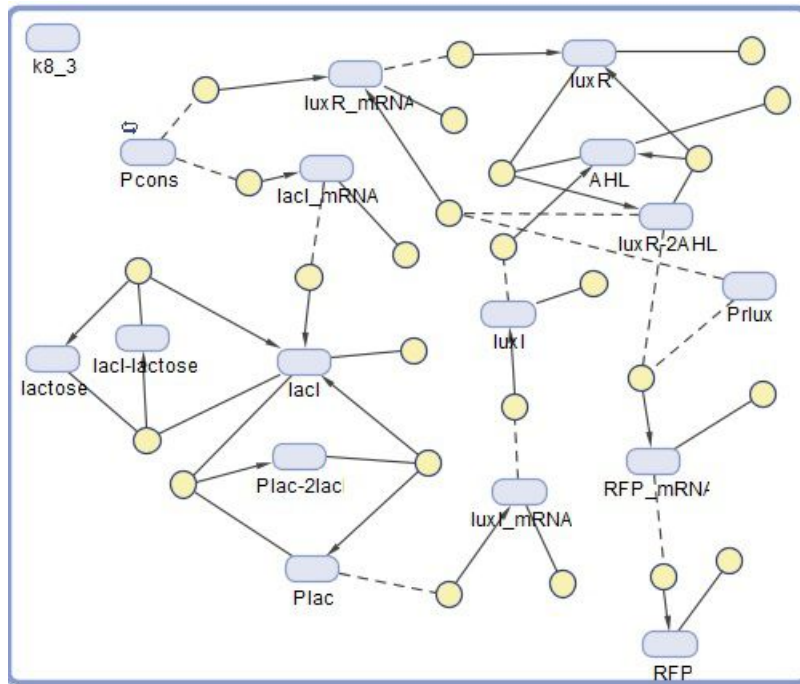
b. Fluxes:

$$ReactionFlux24 = (\beta_8 * Ecoli\_2.RFP) * Ecoli\_2$$

$$ReactionFlux25 = (K5off * Ecoli\_2.[luxR-2AHL]) * Ecoli\_2$$

$\text{ReactionFlux26} = (K_t * \text{Ecoli\_2.RFP\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux27} = (k_{8\_2} * N * k_p) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux28} = (K_{5on} * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxR} * \text{Ecoli\_2.AHL} * \text{Ecoli\_2.AHL}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux29} = (K_t * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxR\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux30} = (k_1 * N) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux31} = (k_{15} * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxI}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux32} = (K_t * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxI\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux33} = (\beta_7 * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxR}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux34} = (\beta_3 * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxR\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux35} = (\beta_2 * \text{Ecoli\_2.AHL}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux36} = (\beta_6 * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxI}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux37} = (\beta_3 * \text{Ecoli\_2.luxI\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux38} = (\beta_3 * \text{Ecoli\_2.lacI\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux39} = (\beta_1 * \text{Ecoli\_2.lacI}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux40} =$   
 $(k_7 * (\text{Ecoli\_2.Plac} / (\text{Ecoli\_2.Plac} + \text{Ecoli\_2.[Plac-2lacI]})) * N) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux41} = (K_{3off} * \text{Ecoli\_2.[Plac-2lacI]}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux42} = (K_{3on} * \text{Ecoli\_2.lacI} * \text{Ecoli\_2.lacI} * \text{Ecoli\_2.Plac}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux43} = (K_{1off} * \text{Ecoli\_2.[lacI-lactose]}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux44} = (K_{1on} * \text{Ecoli\_2.lacI} * \text{Ecoli\_2.lactose}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux45} = (K_t * \text{Ecoli\_2.lacI\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux46} = (k_1 * N) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux98} = (\beta_3 * \text{Ecoli\_2.RFP\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux93} = (k_{8\_2} * N * k_p) * \text{Ecoli\_2}$   
 c. Initial conditions:  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.lacI} = 6e-05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.luxI} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.luxR} = 6e-05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.AHL} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.RFP} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.lacI\_mRNA} = 1.6e-05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.luxI\_mRNA} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.luxR\_mRNA} = 1.6e-05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.RFP\_mRNA} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.lactose} = 0.0023$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.[lacI-lactose]} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.Plac} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.[Plac-2lacI]} = 4e-09$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.[luxR-2AHL]} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_2.Prlux} = 4e-09$  molarity  
 $k_{8\_2} = 5e-06$  molarity  
 d. when  $\text{Ecoli\_2.[luxR-2AHL]} > K_m$ , set  $k_{8\_2} = k_8$

## (3).luxR+



a. ODEs:

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.luxI})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (\text{ReactionFlux55} - \text{ReactionFlux59})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.luxR})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (\text{ReactionFlux48} - \text{ReactionFlux51} + \text{ReactionFlux52} - \text{ReactionFlux56})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.AHL})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (2 * \text{ReactionFlux48} - 2 * \text{ReactionFlux51} + \text{ReactionFlux54} - \text{ReactionFlux58})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.RFP})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (-\text{ReactionFlux47} + \text{ReactionFlux49})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.lacI\_mRNA})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (-\text{ReactionFlux61} + \text{ReactionFlux69})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.luxI\_mRNA})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (-\text{ReactionFlux60} + \text{ReactionFlux63})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.luxR\_mRNA})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (\text{ReactionFlux53} - \text{ReactionFlux57} + \text{ReactionFlux94})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.RFP\_mRNA})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (\text{ReactionFlux50} - \text{ReactionFlux99})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.lactose})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (\text{ReactionFlux66} - \text{ReactionFlux67})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.[lacI-lactose]})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (-\text{ReactionFlux66} + \text{ReactionFlux67})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.Plac})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (\text{ReactionFlux64} - \text{ReactionFlux65})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.[Plac-2lac]})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (-\text{ReactionFlux64} + \text{ReactionFlux65})$$

$$d(\text{Ecoli\_3.[luxR-2AHL]})/dt = 1/\text{Ecoli\_3} * (-\text{ReactionFlux48} + \text{ReactionFlux51})$$

b. Fluxes:

$$\text{ReactionFlux47} = (\text{beta\_8} * \text{Ecoli\_3.RFP}) * \text{Ecoli\_3}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux48} = (\text{K5off} * \text{Ecoli\_3.[luxR-2AHL]}) * \text{Ecoli\_3}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux49} = (\text{Kt} * \text{Ecoli\_3.RFP\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_3}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux50} = (\text{k8\_3} * \text{N} * \text{kp}) * \text{Ecoli\_3}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux51} = (\text{K5on} * \text{Ecoli\_3.luxR} * \text{Ecoli\_3.AHL} * \text{Ecoli\_3.AHL}) * \text{Ecoli\_3}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux52} = (\text{Kt} * \text{Ecoli\_3.luxR\_mRNA}) * \text{Ecoli\_3}$$

$\text{ReactionFlux53} = (k1 \cdot N) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux54} = (k15 \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.luxI}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux55} = (Kt \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.luxI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux56} = (\text{beta\_7} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.luxR}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux57} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.luxR\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux58} = (\text{beta\_2} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.AHL}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux59} = (\text{beta\_6} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.luxI}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux60} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.luxI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux61} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.lacI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux62} = (\text{beta\_1} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.lacI}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux63} = (k7 \cdot (\text{Ecoli\_3.Plac} / (\text{Ecoli\_3.Plac} + \text{Ecoli\_3.[Plac-2lacI]}))) \cdot N \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux64} = (K3\text{off} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.[Plac-2lacI]}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux65} = (K3\text{on} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.lacI} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.lacI} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.Plac}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux66} = (K1\text{off} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.[lacI-lactose]}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux67} = (K1\text{on} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.lacI} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.lactose}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux68} = (Kt \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.lacI\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux69} = (k1 \cdot N) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux94} = (k8\_3 \cdot k_p \cdot N) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$   
 $\text{ReactionFlux99} = (\text{beta\_3} \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3.RFP\_mRNA}) \cdot \text{Ecoli\_3}$

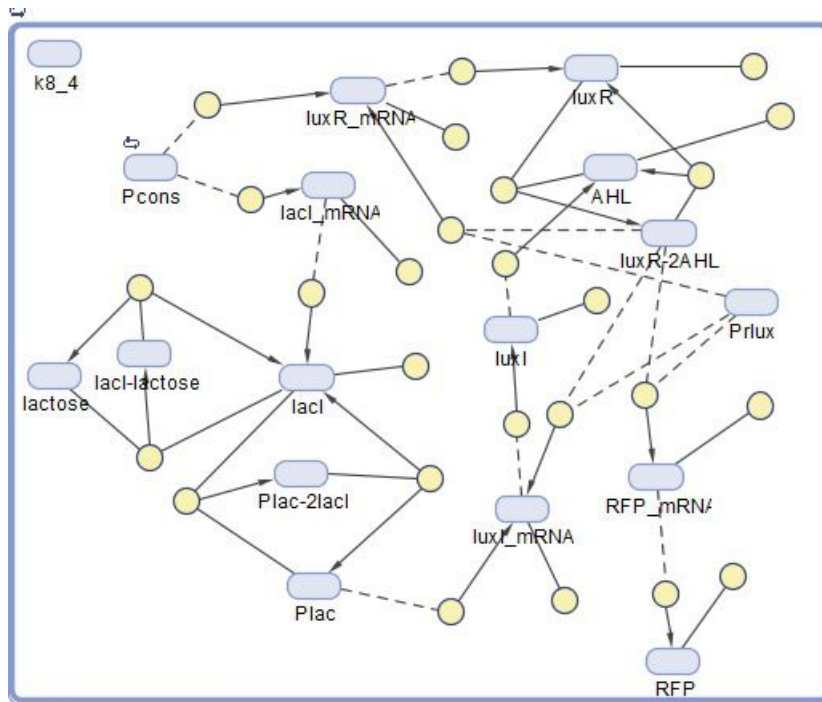
c. Initial conditions:

$\text{Ecoli\_3.lacI} = 6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.luxI} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.luxR} = 6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.AHL} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.RFP} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.lacI\_mRNA} = 1.6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.luxI\_mRNA} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.luxR\_mRNA} = 1.6\text{e-}05$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.RFP\_mRNA} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.lactose} = 0.0023$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.[lacI-lactose]} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.Plac} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.[Plac-2lacI]} = 4\text{e-}09$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.[luxR-2AHL]} = 0$  molarity  
 $\text{Ecoli\_3.Prlux} = 4\text{e-}09$  molarity  
 $k8\_3 = 5\text{e-}06$  molarity

d. when  $\text{Ecoli\_3.[luxR-2AHL]} > K_m$ , set  $k8\_3 = k8$

## (4). lux+ and luxR+





a. ODEs:

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.lacI})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(-\text{ReactionFlux85} + 2*\text{ReactionFlux87} - 2*\text{ReactionFlux88} + \text{ReactionFlux89} - \text{ReactionFlux90} + \text{ReactionFlux91})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.luxI})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(\text{ReactionFlux78} - \text{ReactionFlux82})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.luxR})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(\text{ReactionFlux71} - \text{ReactionFlux74} + \text{ReactionFlux75} - \text{ReactionFlux79})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.AHL})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(2*\text{ReactionFlux71} - 2*\text{ReactionFlux74} + \text{ReactionFlux77} - \text{ReactionFlux81})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.RFP})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(-\text{ReactionFlux70} + \text{ReactionFlux72})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.lacI\_mRNA})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(-\text{ReactionFlux84} + \text{ReactionFlux92})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.luxI\_mRNA})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(-\text{ReactionFlux83} + \text{ReactionFlux86} + \text{ReactionFlux95})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.luxR\_mRNA})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(\text{ReactionFlux76} - \text{ReactionFlux80} + \text{ReactionFlux96})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.RFP\_mRNA})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(\text{ReactionFlux73} - \text{ReactionFlux100})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.lactose})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(\text{ReactionFlux89} - \text{ReactionFlux90})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.[lacI-lactose]})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(-\text{ReactionFlux89} + \text{ReactionFlux90})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.Plac})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(\text{ReactionFlux87} - \text{ReactionFlux88})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.[Plac-2lacI]})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(-\text{ReactionFlux87} + \text{ReactionFlux88})$$

$$\frac{d(\text{Ecoli\_4.[luxR-2AHL]})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\text{Ecoli\_4}}(-\text{ReactionFlux71} + \text{ReactionFlux74})$$

b. fluxes:

$$\text{ReactionFlux70} = (\text{beta\_8}*\text{Ecoli\_4.RFP})*\text{Ecoli\_4}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux71} = (\text{K5off}*\text{Ecoli\_4.[luxR-2AHL]})*\text{Ecoli\_4}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux72} = (\text{Kt}*\text{Ecoli\_4.RFP\_mRNA})*\text{Ecoli\_4}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux73} = (\text{k8\_4}*\text{N}*\text{kp})*\text{Ecoli\_4}$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux74} = (\text{K5on}*\text{Ecoli\_4.luxR}*\text{Ecoli\_4.AHL}*\text{Ecoli\_4.AHL})*\text{Ecoli\_4}$$

ReactionFlux75 = (Kt\*Ecoli\_4.luxR\_mRNA)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux76 = (k1\*N)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux77 = (k15\*Ecoli\_4.luxI)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux78 = (Kt\*Ecoli\_4.luxI\_mRNA)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux79 = (beta\_7\*Ecoli\_4.luxR)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux80 = (beta\_3\*Ecoli\_4.luxR\_mRNA)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux81 = (beta\_2\*Ecoli\_4.AHL)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux82 = (beta\_6\*Ecoli\_4.luxI)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux83 = (beta\_3\*Ecoli\_4.luxI\_mRNA)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux84 = (beta\_3\*Ecoli\_4.lacI\_mRNA)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux85 = (beta\_1\*Ecoli\_4.lacI)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux86 = (k7\*(Ecoli\_4.Plac/(Ecoli\_4.Plac+Ecoli\_4.[Plac-2lacI]))\*N)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux87 = (K3off\*Ecoli\_4.[Plac-2lacI])\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux88 = (K3on\*Ecoli\_4.lacI\*Ecoli\_4.lacI\*Ecoli\_4.Plac)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux89 = (K1off\*Ecoli\_4.[lacI-lactose])\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux90 = (K1on\*Ecoli\_4.lacI\*Ecoli\_4.lactose)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux91 = (Kt\*Ecoli\_4.lacI\_mRNA)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux92 = (k1\*N)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux95 = (k8\_4\*kp\*N)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux96 = (k8\_4\*kp\*N)\*Ecoli\_4  
 ReactionFlux100 = (beta\_3\*Ecoli\_4.RFP\_mRNA)\*Ecoli\_4

For simplified equations:

$$\frac{dlacI}{dt} = -\beta_1 \times lacI + 2 \times K_{3off} \times [Plac - 2lacI] - 2 \times K_{3on} \times lacI \times Ecoli\_4.Plac + K_{1off} \times [lacI - lactose] - K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose + K_t \times lacI\_mRNA$$

$$\frac{dluxI}{dt} = K_t \times luxI\_mRNA - \beta_6 \times luxI$$

$$\frac{dluxR}{dt} = K_{5off} \times [luxR - 2AHL] - K_{5on} \times luxR \times AHL^2 + K_t \times luxR\_mRNA - \beta_7 \times luxR$$

$$\frac{dAHL}{dt} = 2 \times K_{5off} \times [luxR - 2AHL] - K_{5on} \times luxR \times AHL^2 + k_{15} \times luxI - \beta_2 \times AHL$$

$$\frac{dRFP}{dt} = -\beta_8 \times RFP + K_t \times RFP\_mRNA$$

$$\frac{dlacI\_mRNA}{dt} = -\beta_3 \times lacI\_mRNA + k_1 \times N$$

$$\frac{luxI\_mRNA}{dt} = -\beta_3 \times luxI\_mRNA + k_7 \times N \times \frac{Plac}{Plac + [Plac - 2lacI]} + k_{8-4} \times k_p \times N$$

$$\frac{dluxR\_mRNA}{dt} = k_1 \times N - \beta_3 \times luxR\_mRNA + k_{8-4} \times k_p \times N$$

$$\frac{dRFP\_mRNA}{dt} = k_{8-4} \times N \times k_p - \beta_3 \times RFP\_mRNA$$

$$\frac{dlactose}{dt} = K_{1off} \times [lacI - lactose] - K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose$$



$$\frac{d[lacI-lactose]}{dt} = -K_{1off} \times [lacI - lactose] + K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose$$

$$\frac{dPlac}{dt} = K_{3off} \times [Plac - 2lacI] - K_{3on} \times lacI^2 \times Plac$$

$$\frac{d[Plac-2lacI]}{dt} = -K_{3off} \times [Plac - 2lacI] + K_{3on} \times lacI^2 \times Plac$$

$$\frac{d[luxR-2AHL]}{dt} = -K_{5off} \times [luxR - 2AHL] + K_{5on} \times luxR \times AHL^2$$

c. Initial conditions:

Ecoli\_4.lacI = 6e-05 molarity

Ecoli\_4.luxI = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_4.luxR = 6e-05 molarity

Ecoli\_4.AHL = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_4.RFP = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_4.lacI\_mRNA = 1.6e-05 molarity

Ecoli\_4.luxI\_mRNA = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_4.luxR\_mRNA = 1.6e-05 molarity

Ecoli\_4.RFP\_mRNA = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_4.lactose = 0.0023 molarity

Ecoli\_4.[lacI-lactose] = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_4.Plac = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_4.[Plac-2lacI] = 4e-09 molarity

Ecoli\_4.[luxR-2AHL] = 0 molarity

Ecoli\_1.Pcons = 4e-09 molarity

Ecoli\_2.Pcons = 4e-09 molarity

Ecoli\_3.Pcons = 4e-09 molarity

Ecoli\_4.Pcons = 4e-09 molarity

Ecoli\_4.Prlux = 4e-09 molarity

k8\_4 = 5e-06 molarity

d. when Ecoli\_4.[luxR-2AHL] > Km, set k8\_4 = k8

## (5). Parameter Values(common used):

k1 = 1.25 1/second

beta\_1 = 0.004 1/second

beta\_2 = 0.00038 1/second

beta\_3 = 0.000289 1/second

beta\_6 = 0.000278 1/second

beta\_7 = 0.000385 1/second

K1on = 11000 liter/(mole\*second)

K1off = 0.011 1/second

K3on = 5e+10 (liter\*liter)/(mole\*mole\*second)

K3off = 0.75 1/second

K5on = 5e+08 (liter\*liter)/(mole\*mole\*second)

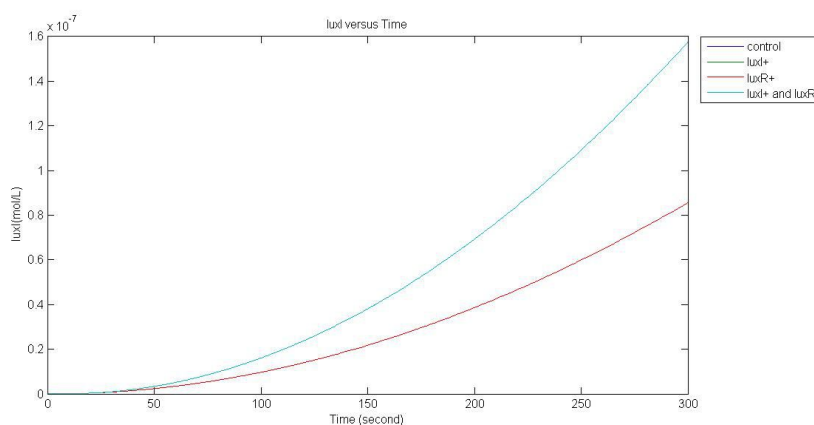
K5off = 5 1/second

$K_m = 1.3 \times 10^{-11}$  molarity  
 $k_8 = 0.28$  molarity  
 $K_t = 0.0017$  1/second  
 $k_7 = 0.3$  1/second  
 $k_{15} = 0.06$  1/second  
 $N = 4 \times 10^{-9}$  molarity  
 $\beta_8 = 0.0001$  1/second  
 $C = 1 \times 10^{-22}$  molarity  
 $k_p = 1$  liter/(mole\*second)  
 $E = -1 \times 10^{-22}$  molarity  
 $E_{coli\_1} = 2 \times 10^{-15}$  liter  
 $E_{coli\_2} = 2 \times 10^{-15}$  liter  
 $E_{coli\_3} = 2 \times 10^{-15}$  liter  
 $E_{coli\_4} = 2 \times 10^{-15}$  liter

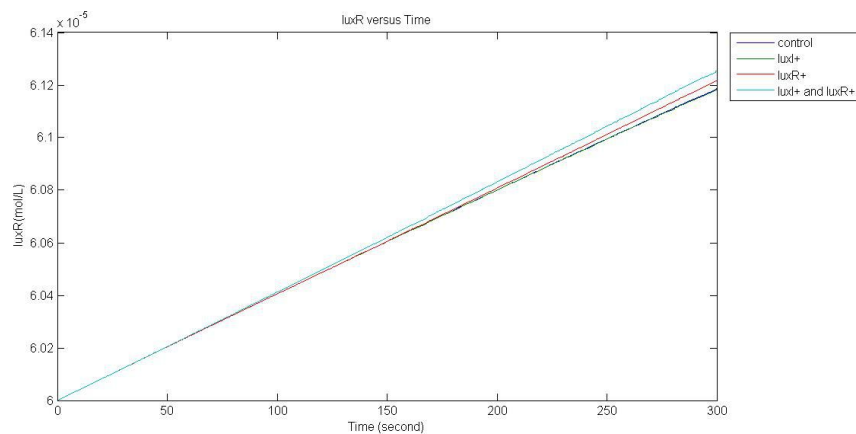
## (6). Attention :

1. we make sure all values are positive.
2. we ignore the RFP\_mRNA produced by P<sub>lux</sub> without luxR-2AHL.

## (7). Some more results

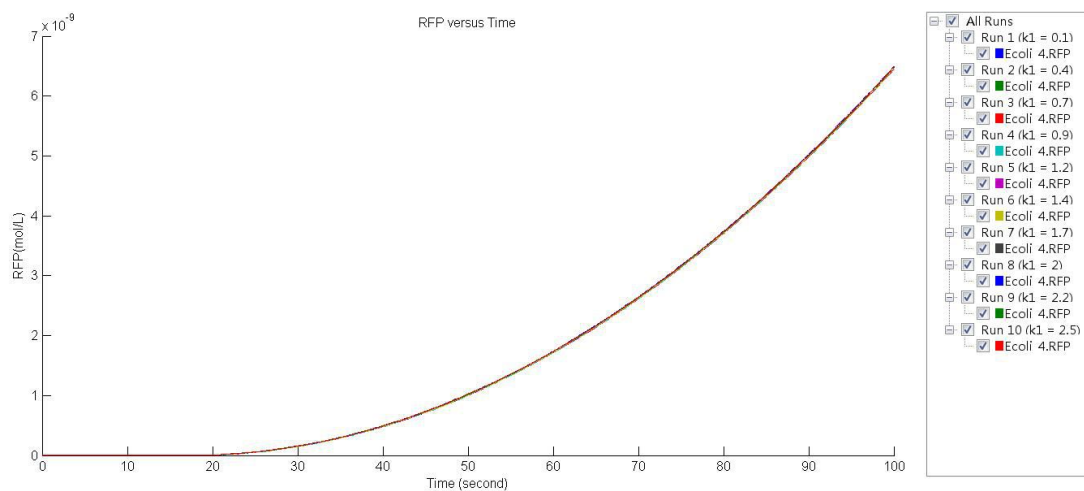


From this diagram, we can see the effect of feedback on luxI. It's clear that the concentration of luxI in binary system and luxI+ system is higher than that in luxR+ system and control system.



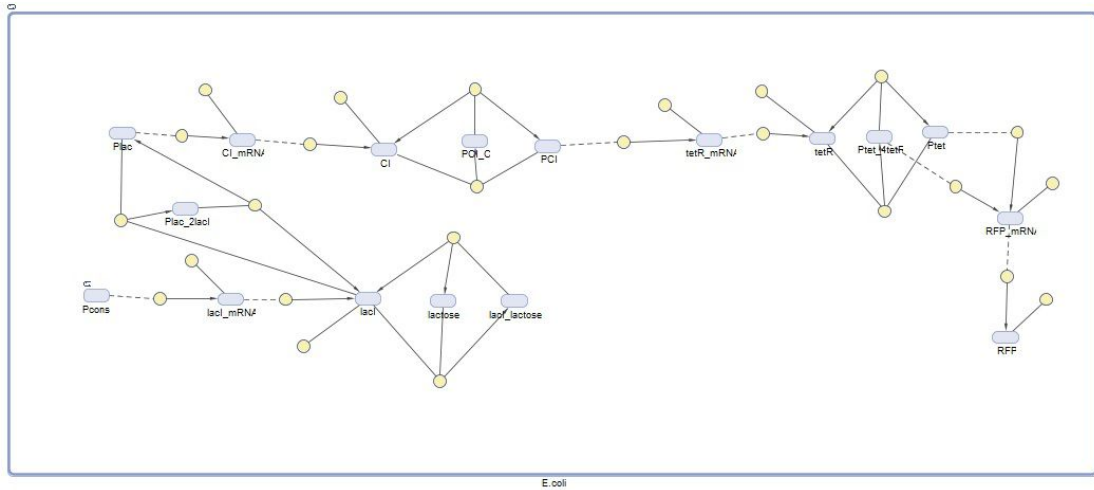
From this diagram, we can see the effect of feedback on luxR.

The result is  $RFP_{binary} > RFP_{luxR+} > RFP_{luxR+} = RFP_{control}$ . By positive feedback, luxR+ system and binary system is better than the other two, but binary system has a stronger positive feedback than luxR+ system.



We also get some conclusion about the robustness of the system. It is obvious that the strength of Pcons has a weak effect on the performance of the system, which means we don't need to struggle to find a so called best Pcons.

## 2. Time sensor



(1) The ODEs are listed as follows<sup>5</sup>.

$$\frac{dPlac}{dt} = -K_{3on} \times Plac \times lacI^2 + K_{3off} \times Plac\_2lacI$$

$$\frac{dCI}{dt} = K_t \times CI\_mRNA - K_{6on} \times CI \times PCI - \beta_4 \times CI + K_{6off} \times PCI\_CI$$

$$\frac{dCI\_mRNA}{dt} = k_7 \times Plac - \beta_3 \times CI\_mRNA$$

$$\frac{dPCI}{dt} = -K_{6on} \times CI \times PCI + K_{6off} \times PCI\_CI$$

$$\frac{dtetR}{dt} = K_t \times tetR\_mRNA - \beta_5 \times tetR - 4 \times K_{7on} \times tetR^4 \times Ptet + 4 \times K_{7off} \times Ptet\_4tetR$$

$$\frac{dtetR\_mRNA}{dt} = k_{12} \times PCI - \beta_3 \times tetR\_mRNA$$

$$\frac{dPtet}{dt} = -K_{7on} \times tetR^4 \times Ptet + K_{7off} \times Ptet\_4tetR$$

$$\frac{dRFP}{dt} = K_t \times RFP\_mRNA - \beta_8 \times RFP$$

$$\frac{dRFP\_mRNA}{dt} = k_{13} \times Ptet - \beta_3 \times RFP\_mRNA + k_{14} \times Ptet\_4tetR$$

$$\frac{dlacI}{dt} = K_t \times lacI\_mRNA - \beta_1 \times lacI - 2 \times K_{3on} \times Plac \times lacI^2 + 2 \times K_{3off} \times Plac\_2lacI - K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose + K_{1off} \times lacI\_lactose$$

$$\frac{dlacI\_mRNA}{dt} = k_1 \times Pcons - \beta_3 \times lacI\_mRNA$$

$$\frac{dlactose}{dt} = -K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose + K_{1off} \times lacI\_lactose$$

$$\frac{dlacI\_lactose}{dt} = K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose - K_{1off} \times lacI\_lactose$$

<sup>5</sup> For more details about the ODES, please see the attachments.

$$\frac{dPlac\_2lacI}{dt} = K_{3on} \times Plac \times lacI^2 - K_{3off} \times Plac\_2lacI$$

$$\frac{dPCI\_CI}{dt} = K_{6on} \times CI \times PCI - K_{6off} \times PCI\_CI$$

$$\frac{dPtet\_4tetR}{dt} = K_{7on} \times tetR^4 \times Ptet - K_{7off} \times Ptet\_4tetR$$

(2) We also conclude some initial values by modeling<sup>6</sup>.

Plac = 0 molarity  
 CI = 0 molarity  
 CI\_mRNA = 0 molarity  
 PCI = 4e-09 molarity  
 tetR = 2.8e-05 molarity  
 tetR\_mRNA = 4e-06 molarity  
 Ptet = 4e-09 molarity  
 RFP = 2.8e-06 molarity  
 RFP\_mRNA = 3.7e-07 molarity  
 lacI = 6e-05 molarity  
 lacI\_mRNA = 1.6e-05 molarity  
 lactose = 0.0023 molarity  
 lacI\_lactose = 0 molarity  
 Plac\_2lacI = 4e-09 molarity  
 PCI\_CI = 0 molarity  
 Ptet\_4tetR = 0 molarity  
 Pcons = 4e-09 molarity

## (3) Parameter Values

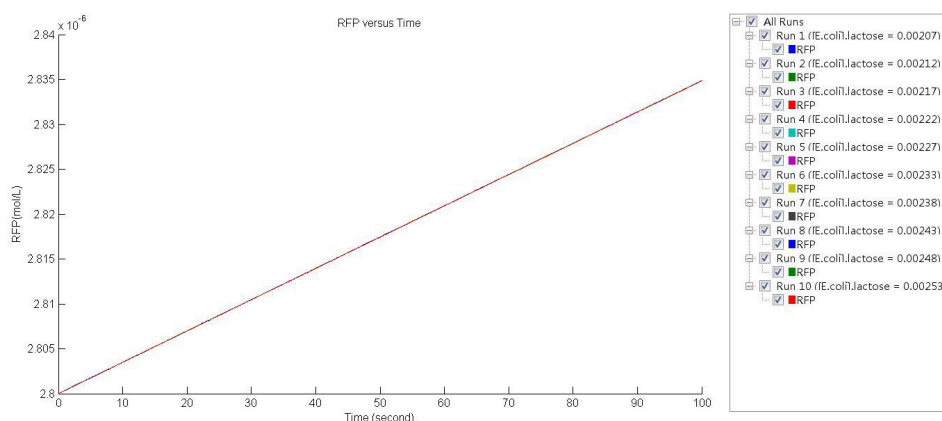
k1 = 1.25 1/second  
 kT = 0.0017 1/second  
 beta3 = 0.000288 1/second  
 beta1 = 0.004 1/second  
 K1on = 11000 liter/(mole\*second)  
 K3on = 5e+10 (liter\*liter)/(mole\*mole\*second)  
 beta4 = 0.000935 1/second  
 K6on = 5e+10 liter/(mole\*second)  
 k12 = 0.23 1/second  
 beta5 = 2.78e-05 1/second  
 k13 = 0.03 1/second  
 beta8 = 0.0001 1/second  
 K1off = 0.011 1/second  
 K3off = 0.75 1/second  
 K6off = 2000 1/second

<sup>6</sup> Initial values here stand for concentrations of substances before adding lactose.

$k_7 = 0.3 \text{ 1/second}$   
 $K_{7on} = 5e+10 \text{ (liter*liter*liter*liter)/(mole*mole*mole*mole*second)}$   
 $K_{7off} = 450 \text{ 1/second}$   
 $C = 1e-22 \text{ molarity}$   
 $k_{14} = 2.1e-05 \text{ 1/second}$   
 $[E.coli] = 2e-15 \text{ liter}$

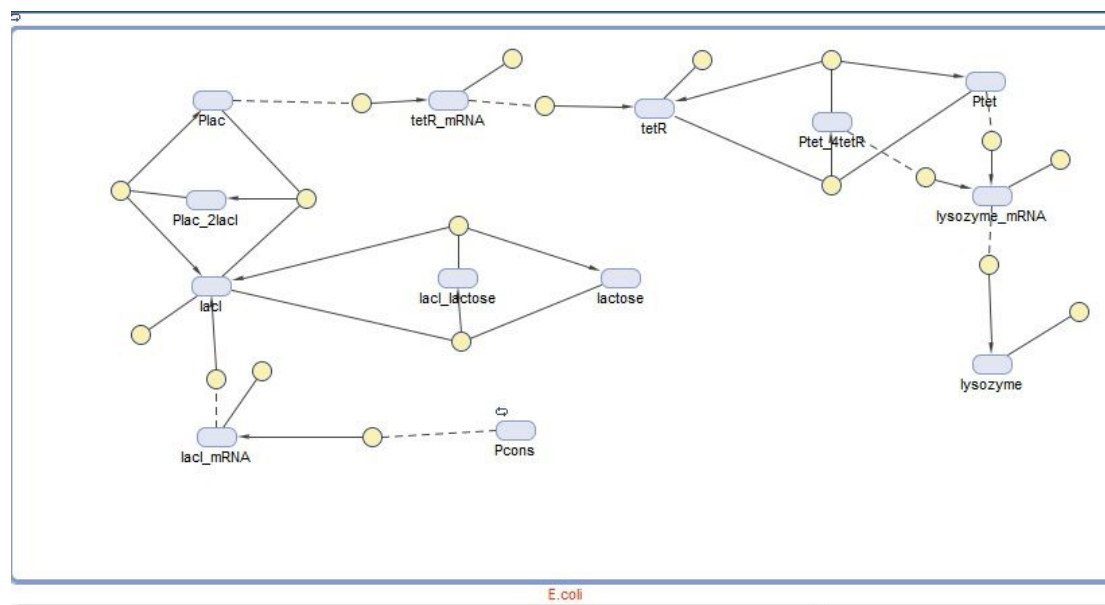
(4) We make sure all the values are positive.

(5) Some more results.



The robustness of the system is always important, especially the system of time sensor. From this diagram, we know that the RFP concentration can be hardly changed with the change of Pcons strength.

## 3. Suicide system.



(1) The ODEs are listed as follows.<sup>7</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dPtet}{dt} &= -K_{7on} \times tetR^4 \times Ptet + K_{7off} \times Ptet - 4tetR \\ \frac{dlysozyme\_mRNA}{dt} &= k_{12} \times Ptet - \beta_3 \times lysozyme\_mRNA + k_{14} \times Ptet - 4tetR \\ \frac{dlysozyme}{dt} &= K_t \times lysozyme\_mRNA - \beta_9 \times lysozyme \\ \frac{dPlac}{dt} &= -K_{3on} \times lacI^2 \times Plac + K_{3off} \times Plac - 2lacI \\ \frac{dtetR\_mRNA}{dt} &= k_7 \times Plac - \beta_3 \times tetR\_mRNA \\ \frac{dtetR}{dt} &= K_t \times tetR\_mRNA - \beta_5 \times tetR - 4 \times K_{7on} \times tetR^4 \times Ptet + 4 \times K_{7off} \times Ptet - 4tetR \\ \frac{dlacI\_mRNA}{dt} &= k_1 \times Pcons - \beta_3 \times lacI\_mRNA \\ \frac{dlacI}{dt} &= K_t \times lacI\_mRNA - \beta_1 \times lacI - K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose + K_{1off} \times lacI - lactose \\ &\quad - 2 \times K_{3on} \times lacI^2 \times Plac + 2 \times K_{3off} \times Plac - 2lacI \\ \frac{dlactose}{dt} &= -K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose + K_{1off} \times lacI - lactose \\ \frac{dlacI\_lactose}{dt} &= K_{1on} \times lacI \times lactose - K_{1off} \times lacI - lactose \\ \frac{dPlac\_2lacI}{dt} &= K_{3on} \times lacI^2 \times Plac - 2lacI \\ \frac{dPtet\_4tetR}{dt} &= K_{7on} \times tetR^4 \times Ptet - K_{7off} \times Ptet - 4tetR\end{aligned}$$

(2) We also conclude some initial values by modeling<sup>8</sup>.

Ptet = 4e-09 molarity  
 lysozyme\_mRNA = 1.8e-07 molarity  
 lysozyme = 5e-07 molarity  
 Plac = 4e-09 molarity  
 tetR\_mRNA = 2.5e-06 molarity  
 tetR = 5.4e-06 molarity  
 lacI\_mRNA = 1e-05 molarity  
 lacI = 1.35e-08 molarity  
 lactose = 0 molarity  
 lacI\_lactose = 9e-05 molarity  
 Plac\_2lacI = 0 molarity  
 Ptet\_4tetR = 0 molarity

<sup>7</sup> For more details about the ODES, please refer to the attachment.

<sup>8</sup> Initial values here stand for concentration of substances before the removing lactose.



Pcons = 4e-09 molarity

## (3) Parameter Values:

$k_1 = 1.25$  1/second

$\beta_3 = 0.000288$  1/second

$\beta_1 = 0.004$  1/second

$k_T = 0.0017$  1/second

$K_{1on} = 11000$  liter/(mole\*second)

$K_{1off} = 0.011$  1/second

$K_{3on} = 5e+10$  (liter\*liter)/(mole\*mole\*second)

$K_{3off} = 0.75$  1/second

$k_7 = 0.3$  1/second

$\beta_5 = 0.000278$  1/second

$K_{7on} = 5e+10$  (liter\*liter\*liter\*liter)/(mole\*mole\*mole\*mole\*second)

$K_{7off} = 450$  1/second

$k_{12} = 0.023$  1/second

$\beta_9 = 0.0001$  1/second

$C = 1e-22$  molarity

$N = 4e-09$  molarity

$k_{14} = 2.1e-05$  1/second

$B = 9e-05$  molarity

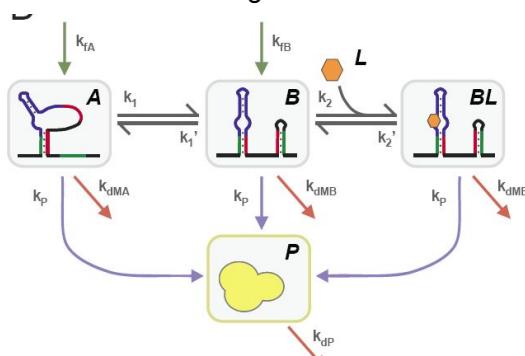
$[E.coli] = 2e-15$  liter

## (4) Make sure all the values positive

## 4. Riboswitch evaluation

### (1) some prepares

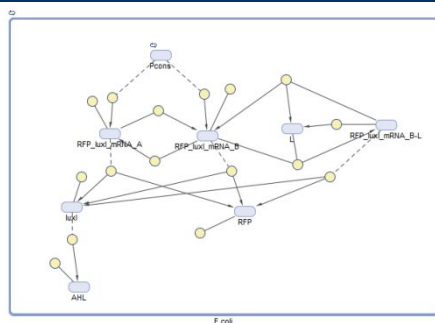
The kinetics diagram1 of riboswitch<sup>9</sup>



The kinetics diagram2 of riboswitch<sup>10</sup>

<sup>9</sup> From reference [28]

<sup>10</sup> The diagram can be made by Simbiology from a constructed model.



The ranges of some parameters used in our model<sup>11</sup>

Parameter	Units	Value Range	References
$k_f$	M/s	$10^{-13} - 10^{-8}$	(Voigt <i>et al.</i> , 2005)
$k_p$	1/s	$10^{-4} - 10^1$	(Voigt <i>et al.</i> , 2005)
$k_E^a$	1/s	$10^{-2} - 10^2$	(Pan and Sosnick, 2006; Wickiser <i>et al.</i> , 2005b)
$k_1, k_1'$	1/s	$10^{-3} - 10^3$	(Lee <i>et al.</i> , 2007; Su <i>et al.</i> , 2005; Zarrinkar <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Zhuang <i>et al.</i> , 2000)
$k_2$	1/M·s	$10^3 - 10^8$	(Greenleaf <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Kensch <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Lang <i>et al.</i> , 2007; Rieder <i>et al.</i> , 2007; Wickiser <i>et al.</i> , 2005a; Wickiser <i>et al.</i> , 2005b; Win <i>et al.</i> , 2006)
$k_2'$	1/s	$10^{-3} - 10^1$	(Greenleaf <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Kensch <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Wickiser <i>et al.</i> , 2005a; Wickiser <i>et al.</i> , 2005b; Win <i>et al.</i> , 2006)
$k_M$	1/s	$10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$	(Crothers <i>et al.</i> , 1974; Wickiser <i>et al.</i> , 2005b)
$k_{dM}^{(norm)\beta}$	1/s	$10^{-5} - 10^{-2}$	(Bernstein <i>et al.</i> , 2002; Leclerc <i>et al.</i> , 2002; Narsai <i>et al.</i> , 2007; Selinger <i>et al.</i> , 2003)
$k_{dM}^{(rib)\gamma}$	1/s	$10^{-1}$	(Emilsson <i>et al.</i> , 2003)
$k_{dP}^\beta$	1/s	$10^{-5} - 10^{-2}$	(Belle <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Corish and Tyler-Smith, 1999)

The table of parameters used in riboswitch model(MC10)

Name	Description	Value	Ref
kfA	Half of The transcription rates of Pcons1	0.625/s	estimation <sup>12</sup> and [10]
kfB	Half of The transcription rates of Pcons1	0.625/s	estimation <sup>13</sup> and [10]
k1	The change rates from A to B	2.44/s	Estimation

<sup>11</sup> From reference [28]

<sup>12</sup> Actually, the transcription rates of Anderson family promoter is measured by the intensity of relative fluorescence in TG1 grown in LB media to saturation. BBa\_J23119 is the only one without measurement. However, it can be estimated from some paper.

<sup>13</sup> Actually, the transcription rates of Anderson family promoter is measured by the intensity of relative fluorescence in TG1 grown in LB media to saturation. BBa\_J23119 is the only one without measurement. However, it can be estimated from some paper.

k1'	The change rates from B to A	0.409/s	Estimation
k2	Binding rates of the ligand	10 <sup>5</sup>	Estimation
k2'	Dissociation rates of the lipid and mRNA complex	0.57	Estimation
kdMA	The degradation rates of mRNA A	0.0167/s	[26]
kdMB	The degradation rate of mRNA B	0.288*10 <sup>-3</sup> /s	[6]
kp	The translating rates of mRNA	0.0017/s	[19]
Kdp	The degradation rates of RFP	1.0*10 <sup>-4</sup> /s	Estimation
N	The concentration of gene	4*10 <sup>-9</sup> mol/L	Estimation

The table of K1 and Kd

Number	E (combine,B ) kcal/mol	E ( not,A ) kcal/mol	K1=k1/k1'	Kd=k2'/k2(umol/L)
MC10	-24.7	-23.6	5.96	5.7*
MC1	-39.2	-31	6.04*10 <sup>5</sup>	8.4
MC26	-35.7	-32	406	4.6*
MC31	-41.8	-37.1	2059	4.6*
MC7	-24.6	-19.7	2848	3.0**
MC3	-36.9	-30.8	19981	3.0**
MC14	-26.9	-21.6	5452	5.7*

The table to get k1, k1', k2, k2'

Number	K1=k1/k1'	k1*** (1/s)	k1'*** (1/s)	Kd=k2'/k2(umol/L)	k2*** (L/mol*s)	k2'*** (1/s)
MC10	5.96	2.44	0.409	5.7*	10 <sup>5</sup>	0.57
MC1	6.04*10 <sup>5</sup>	777	1.29*10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.4	10 <sup>5</sup>	0.84
MC26	406	20.1	0.0495	4.6*	10 <sup>5</sup>	0.46
MC31	2059	45.4	0.0220	4.6*	10 <sup>5</sup>	0.46
MC7	2848	53.4	0.0188	3.0**	10 <sup>5</sup>	0.3
MC3	19981	141	0.00706	3.0**	10 <sup>5</sup>	0.3
MC14	5452	73.8	0.0135	5.7*	10 <sup>5</sup>	0.57

Attention:

\*:estimated by the secondary structure.([24])

\*\*:almost assumption.

\*\*\*:assumption

## (2) The content of formula and results

The table 1 of formulas for getting evaluating values<sup>14</sup>

Performance descriptor	General equation
$\eta$	$\frac{k_f}{k_{dP}} \cdot \frac{K_1 \gamma_1}{K_1 \gamma_1 + \frac{k_{dMB}}{k_{dMA}}} \left( \frac{k_{fA} \gamma_1 + k_{fB}}{k_f} \right) \left  \frac{K_A}{k_{dMA}} - \frac{K_B}{k_{dMB}} \right $
$EC_{50}$	$\frac{1 + K_1 \gamma_1 \frac{k_{dMA}}{k_{dMB}}}{K_2 \gamma_2}$
$P(L=0)$	$\frac{k_f}{k_{dP}} \cdot \left[ \frac{k_{fA}}{k_f} \frac{K_A}{k_1} \gamma_1 + \frac{K_A K_1 \gamma_1 + K_B}{k_{dMA} K_1 \gamma_1 + k_{dMB}} \left( \frac{k_{fA} \gamma_1 + k_{fB}}{k_f} \right) \right]$
$P(L \rightarrow \infty)$	$\frac{k_f}{k_{dP}} \cdot \left[ \frac{k_{fA}}{k_f} \frac{K_A}{k_1} \gamma_1 + \frac{K_B}{k_{dMB}} \left( \frac{k_{fA} \gamma_1 + k_{fB}}{k_f} \right) \right]$

The table 2 of formulas for getting evaluating values<sup>15</sup>

<sup>14</sup> From reference [28]

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Model parameter	Regulatory Mechanism		
	TR	TT	MD
$k_{iA}$			$k_{dMA}$
$k_{iB}$	$k_{dM}$	$k_M$	$k_{dMB}$
$K_A$	$k_{PA}$	$k_p \frac{k_{MA}}{k_M}$	$k_P$
$K_B$	$k_{PB}$	$k_p \frac{k_{MB}}{k_M}$	
$\gamma_1$	$\frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_{dM}}$	$\frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_M}$	$\frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_{dMA}}$
$\gamma_2$	$\frac{k'_2}{k'_2 + k_{dM}}$	$\frac{k'_2}{k'_2 + k_M}$	$\frac{k'_2}{k'_2 + k_{dMB}}$

The result of evaluating values of riboswitches by formula

number	$\eta$	EC50	$P(L=0)$	$P(L \rightarrow \infty)$
MC10	2.620E-04	8.972E-05	3.217E-05	2.942E-04
MC1	2.784E-08	5.703E-06	2.951E-04	2.951E-04
MC26	3.621E-05	5.260E-06	2.588E-04	2.950E-04
MC31	7.940E-06	4.732E-06	2.871E-04	2.951E-04
MC7	5.785E-06	3.064E-06	2.893E-04	2.951E-04
MC3	8.392E-07	3.012E-06	2.943E-04	2.951E-04
MC14	3.051E-06	5.764E-06	2.921E-04	2.951E-04

### (3) The content of model.

a. ODEs:

$$d(\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_A})/dt = 1/E.\text{coli.} * (\text{ReactionFlux1} - \text{ReactionFlux5} - \text{ReactionFlux8} + \text{ReactionFlux9})$$

$$d(\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B})/dt = 1/E.\text{coli.} * (\text{ReactionFlux2} - \text{ReactionFlux3} + \text{ReactionFlux4} - \text{ReactionFlux6} + \text{ReactionFlux8} - \text{ReactionFlux9})$$

$$d([\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B-L}])/dt = 1/E.\text{coli.} * (\text{ReactionFlux3} - \text{ReactionFlux4} - \text{ReactionFlux7})$$

$$d(L)/dt = 1/E.\text{coli.} * (-\text{ReactionFlux3} + \text{ReactionFlux4} + \text{ReactionFlux7})$$

$$d(\text{RFP})/dt = 1/E.\text{coli.} * (\text{ReactionFlux10} + \text{ReactionFlux11} + \text{ReactionFlux12} - \text{ReactionFlux14})$$

$$d(\text{luxI})/dt = 1/\text{E.coli.} * (\text{ReactionFlux10} + \text{ReactionFlux11} + \text{ReactionFlux12} - \text{ReactionFlux13})$$

$$d(\text{AHL})/dt = 1/\text{E.coli.} * (\text{ReactionFlux15} - \text{ReactionFlux16})$$

Fluxes:

$$\text{ReactionFlux1} = (k_f A * P_{\text{cons}}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux2} = (k_f B * P_{\text{cons}}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux3} = (k_2 * \text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B-L}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux4} = ([k_2'] * [\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B-L}]) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux5} = (k_d \text{MA} * \text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_A}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux6} = (k_d \text{MB} * \text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux7} = (k_d \text{MB} * [\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B-L}]) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux8} = (k_1 * \text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_A}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux9} = ([k_1'] * \text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux10} = (k_p * \text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_A}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux11} = (k_p * \text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux12} = (k_p * [\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B-L}]) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux13} = (\beta_6 * \text{luxI}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux14} = (k_d p * \text{RFP}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux15} = (k_{15} * \text{luxI}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

$$\text{ReactionFlux16} = (\beta_2 * \text{AHL}) * [\text{E.coli.}]$$

b. Parameter Values:

$$k_f A = 0.625 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_f B = 0.625 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_1 = 45.4 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$[k_1'] = 0.022 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_2 = 1e+05 \text{ liter/(mole*second)}$$

$$[k_2'] = 0.46 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_d \text{MA} = 0.0167 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_d \text{MB} = 0.000288 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_p = 0.0017 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_d p = 0.0001 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$N = 4e-09 \text{ molarity}$$

$$\beta_2 = 0.00038 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$\beta_6 = 0.000278 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$k_{15} = 0.06 \text{ 1/second}$$

$$[\text{E.coli.}] = 2e-15 \text{ liter}$$

c. Initial Conditions:

$$\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_A} = 0 \text{ molarity}$$

$$\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B} = 0 \text{ molarity}$$

$$[\text{RFP\_luxI\_mRNA\_B-L}] = 0 \text{ molarity}$$

$$L = 0.01 \text{ molarity}$$

$$\text{RFP} = 0 \text{ molarity}$$

$$\text{luxI} = 0 \text{ molarity}$$

AHL = 0 molarity

Pcons = 4e-09 molarity

5. Program of riboswitch and positive feedback was listed in the supplement. However, because of limit of space, we didn't list the program of suicide and time sensor.